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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT: ARGON/CORONA Schedules

Reference: Memorandum from Chmn, USIB, 12 July 63, Subject:
ARGON Priority (BYE 4270-63)

In response to your memorandum I wish to reiterate that the decision for the conversion of J-1002 into a CORONA-MURAL payload will be influenced to a great degree by the nature of any failure in J-1001. Should such a conversion be warranted, we shall obviously attempt to accomplish this in minimum time. However, we must be prepared to accept a possible slip of a launch date of this mission into September should such conversion be necessary.

We are now carrying mission 9059 in an ARGON Primary, CORONA Secondary status, for launch on 7 October, with choice of either option possible up to early September. We shall, of course, review this question immediately after the results of ARGON 9058-A, now scheduled for 15 August, are known and in the light of the results of July and August reconnaissance missions.



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